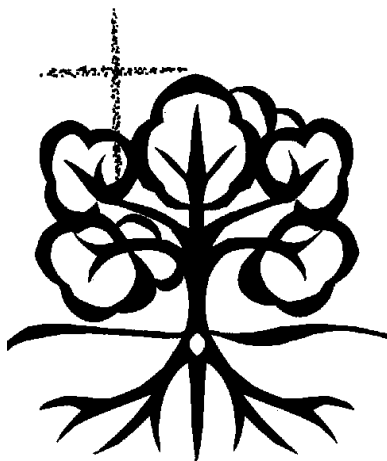




FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

June 14th, 2015

3rd Sunday after Pentecost



Watch God's Garden Grow

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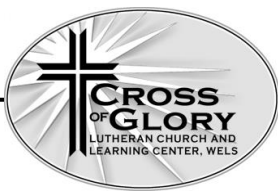
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Cry Room: We do not mind a fussy child or an instructing parent. But if you feel uncomfortable, we have a cry room with a one-way window into the sanctuary. The entrance is located in the gathering room. The worship audio can be heard in this room.

RITE OF BAPTISM

HYMN.....**See this Wonder in the Making (CW #300 vv. 1-2)**

The baptismal party gathers at the font.

The minister speaks the introduction and then says:

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

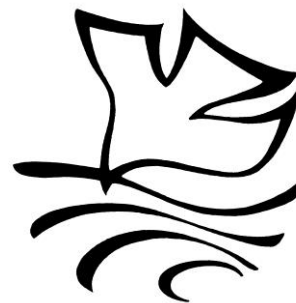
PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.



Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Jude. Through this water of Baptism, drown in him all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil he may do. Set him apart from the unbelieving world and hold him safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep him always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that he may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



C: Amen.

M: Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which this child will be baptized, the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The minister says to the parents:

M: Do you desire to have Jude baptized into this Christian faith?

R: Yes.

The minister, pouring water over the child, says:

M: Jude Alton Richie, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The minister, laying his hand on the one baptized, says:

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS

M: Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you sincerely intend to bring up Jude in the way of the Lord and to instruct him in the truths of God's saving Word so that he may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in his baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R: **Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

EXHORTATION TO CONGREGATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that Jude may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

C: **Yes, and we ask God to help us.**

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A baptismal candle is lit from the paschal candle:

M: Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for Jude through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites him with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.

STAND

PRAYER

M: We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Jude as your own child and made him a member of Christ's body, the Church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your Church on earth that being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness, and being buried with Christ into his death, we may also be partakers of his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life, through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

HYMN.....See this Wonder in the Making (CW #300 vv. 3-4)

THE WORD OF GOD

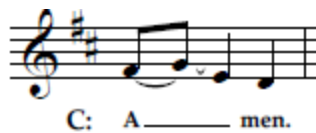
SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Ezekiel 17:22-24

This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. "I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 92



M: How great are your ‘works, O LORD,*
C: how pro’found your thoughts!

M: The senseless man ‘does not know, *
C: fools do not ‘understand,

M: that though the wicked spring ‘up like grass *
C: and all evildoers ‘flourish,

M: they will be forever ‘destroyed. *
C: But you, O LORD, are exalted for’ever.

Refrain

M: The righteous will flourish like a ‘palm tree, *
C: they will flourish in the courts ‘of our God.

M: They will still bear fruit ‘in old age,*
C: they will still ‘fresh and green.

M: proclaiming, “The LORD is ‘upright; *
C: he is my rock, and there is no wicked’ness in him.”

C: Glory be to the Father and ‘to the Son*
 and to the Holy ‘Spirit,
 as it was in the be’ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. ‘Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Colossians 1:3-8

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints--⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel⁶ that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

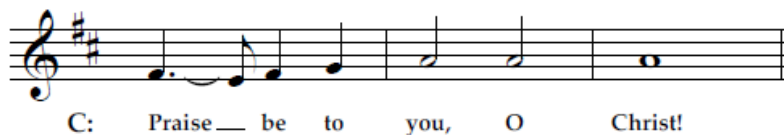
THE VERSE OF THE DAY



GOSPEL.....MARK 4:26-34

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain-- first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground.³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand.³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY.....**Speak, O Lord (CWS #735)**

SERMON.....**Mark 4:26-34**

“Watch God's Garden Grow”

STAND

SONG OF PRAISE

Musical notation for the Song of Praise. It consists of four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (half).

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless ed are they who take

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re fuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e ter — nal; it stands firm in the

8
heav — ens. Your faith ful ness con tin ues for ev er. Oh,

12
taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless ed are they who take ref uge in him.

BE SEATED

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN**Almighty Father, Bless the Word (CW #323)**

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A ——— men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A men. A- men. A- men.

CLOSING HYMN.....**When Peace Like a River (CWS #760)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: 31; Communion: 20.
Offerings to the Lord: General Fund - \$1114.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday (6/21):	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion

LEARNING CENTER RUMMAGE SALE ON JUNE 27TH



We are planning on holding a rummage sale for the items remaining in our Learning Center on the morning of Saturday, June 27th. We will need help sorting and pricing items before this date.

SPECIAL ONE-DAY VBS ON JULY 25TH



We are debuting a new format for our Vacation Bible School this summer. We will have a special one-day event on Saturday, July 25th. In the afternoon we will hold a camp for children with the theme "Faith Hero Camp." There will be games, music, crafts, and inspirational stories of heroes of faith from the Bible. In the evening, everyone is invited for a barbecue fellowship event. Please save the date!

FAITH HERO CAMP & BARBECUE

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

***1P - 5P: CHILDREN'S CAMP
5P: FAMILY COOKOUT***

***CHILDREN FROM 3 YEARS OLD - 5TH GRADE ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF FAITH SUPERHERO
TRAINING WHICH WILL INCLUDE GAMES, CRAFTS, MUSIC,
AND BIBLE STORIES.***

IN THE EVENING, ALL ARE INVITED TO A COOKOUT DINNER.

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